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The SPECTATOR.

Nuſquam Tuta fides ——

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Mr. SPECTATOR, *London, Feb.* 9. 1711-12.

'I Am a Virgin, and in no Caſe deſpicable; 'but yet ſuch as I am I muſt remain, or 'elſe become, 'tis to be feared, leſs happy: 'For I find not the leaſt good Effect from the juſt Correction you ſome time ſince gave, that ſo free, that looſer Part of our Sex which ſpoils the Men; the ſame Connivance at the Vices, the ſame eaſy Admittance of Addreſſes, the ſame vitiated Reliſh of the Converſation of the greateſt of Rakes (or in a more faſhionable Way of expreſſing one's ſelf, of ſuch as have ſeen the World moſt) ſtill abounds, increaſes, multiplies. The humble Petition therefore of many of the moſt ſtrictly virtuous, and of my ſelf, is, That you'll once more exert your Authority, and that, according to your late Promiſe, your full, your Imperial Authority, on this fillier Branch of our Kind: For why ſhould they be the uncontrouled Miſtreſſes of our Fate? Why ſhould they with Impunity indulge the Males in Licentiouſneſs whilſt ſingle, and we have the diſmal Hazard and Plague of reforming them when married? Strike home, Sir, then, and ſpare not, for all our maiden Hopes, our guilded Hopes of Conjugial Felicity are fruſtrated, are vaniſhed; and for your ſelf, as well as Mr. *Courtly*, will, by touching over immodeſt Practices with the Gloſs of ſoft and harmleſs Names, for ever forfeit our Eſteem. Nor think that I'm herein more ſevere than need be: If I have not reaſon more than enough, do you and the World judge from this following Account, which, I think, will prove the Caſe to be univerſal.

'You muſt know then, that ſince your Repreſentation of this Female Degeneracy came out, I have had a Tender of Reſpects from no leſs than three Perſons, of tollerable Figure too as Times go: But the Misfortune is, that four of the five are profeſſed Followers of the Mode. They would have me down, that all Women of good Senſe are were, and ever will be, Latitudinarians in Wedlock; and always did, and will, give and take what they profanely term Conjugal Liberty of Conſcience.

'The two firſt of them, a Captain and a Merchant, to ſtrengthen their Argument, pretend to ſigh after a Couple, a Brace of Ladies of Quality and Wit, That *Venus* was always kind to Mars; and what Soul that has the leaſt ſpark of Generoſity, can deny a Man of Bravery any thing? And how pitiful a Trader, that whom no 'Woman but his own Wife will have Correſpondence 'and Dealings with? Thus theſe; whilſt the third, 'the Country Squire, confeſs'd, That indeed he was 'ſurpriz'd into good Breeding, and enter'd into 'the Knowledge of the World unawares. That 'dining t'other Day at a Gentleman's Houſe, the 'Perſon who entertained, was obliged to leave him 'with his Wife and Neices; where they ſpoke 'with ſo much Contempt of an abſent Gentleman 'for being ſlow at a Hint, that he had reſolved 'never to be drowſy, unmannerly, or ſtupid for the 'future at a Friend's Houſe; and on an hunting 'Morning, not to purſue the Game either with the 'Husband abroad, or with the Wife at home.

'The next that came was a Tradeſman, not leſs 'full of the Age than the former; for he had the 'Gallantry to tell me, that at a late Junket which 'he was invited to, the Motion being made, and the 'Queſtion being put, 'twas by Maid, Wife and Widow reſolv'd, *nemine contradicente*, That a young 'ſprightly Journeyman is abſolutely neceſſary in 'their Way of Buſineſs: To which they had the 'Aſſent and Concurrence of the Husbands preſent. 'I dropp'd him a Curtſy, and gave him to under'ſtand that was his Audience of Leave.

'I am reckoned pretty, and have had very many 'Advances beſides theſe; but have been very averſe to hear any of them, from my Obſervation 'on theſe above-mentioned, till I hoped ſome Good 'from the Character of my preſent Admirer, a 'Clergyman. But I find even among them there 'are indirect Practices in Relation to Love, and 'our Treaty is at preſent a little in Suſpence, till 'ſome Circumſtances are cleared. There is a 'Charge againſt him among the Women, and the 'Caſe is this: It is alledged, That a certain endow'ed Female would have appropriated her ſelf 'to and conſolidated her ſelf with a Church, 'which my Divine now enjoys; (or, which is 'the ſame thing, did proſtitute her ſelf to her 'Friend's doing this for her): That my Eccleſiaſtick, to obtain the one, did engage himſelf to 'take off the other that lay on Hand; but that 'on his Succeſs in the Spiritual, he again renounced the Carnal.

'I put this cloſely to him, and tax'd him with 'Diſingenuity. He to clear himſelf made the ſubſequent Defence, and that in the moſt ſolemn 'Manner poſſible: That he was appl'ed to and inſtigated to accept of a Benefice: That a conditional Offer thereof was indeed made him at 'firſt, but with Diſdain by him rejected: That

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‘ when nothing (as they eaſily perceived) of this
‘ Nature could bring him to their Purpoſe, Aſſu-
‘ rance of his being entirely unengaged before-
‘ hand, and ſafe from all their After-Expectations
‘ (the only Stratagem left to draw him in) was
‘ given him: That purſuant to this, the Donation
‘ it ſelf was without Delay, before ſeveral reputa-
‘ ble Witneſſes, tender'd to him *gratis*, with the
‘ open Profeſſion of not the leaſt Reſerve, or moſt
‘ minute Condition; but that yet immediately af-
‘ ter Induction, his inſidious Introducer (or her
‘ crafty Procurer, which you will) induſtriouſly
‘ ſpread the Report; which had reach'd my Ears
‘ not only in the Neighbourhood of that ſaid
‘ Church, but in *London*, in the Univerſity, in
‘ mine and his own County, and where-ever elſe
‘ it might probably obviate his Application to any
‘ other Woman, and ſo confine him to this alone:
‘ And in a Word, That as he never did make any
‘ previous Offer of his Service, or the leaſt Step to
‘ her Affection; ſo on his Diſcovery of theſe De-
‘ ſigns thus laid to track him, he could not but af-
‘ terwards, in Juſtice to himſelf, vindicate both his
‘ Innocence and Freedom by keeping his proper
‘ Diſtance.

‘ This is his Apology, and I think I ſhall be ſa-
‘ tisfied with it. But I cannot conclude my tedious
‘ Epiſtle, without recommending to you not only
‘ to reſume your former Chaſtiſement, but to add
‘ to your Criminals the ſimoniacal Ladies, who ſe-
‘ duce the ſacred Order into the Difficulty of ei-
‘ ther breaking a mercenary Troth made to them
‘ whom they ought not to deceive, or by breaking
‘ or keeping it offending againſt him whom they
‘ cannot deceive. Your Aſſiſtance and Labours of
‘ this Sort would be of great Benefit, and your
‘ ſpeedy Thoughts on this Subject would be very
‘ ſeaſonable to,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient Servant,
Chaſtity Loveworth.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Not acted theſe three Years,
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